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For what reasons do people get married?

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契約結婚から始まったのに、いつしか本当に北斗を愛するようになった千和。

It all started with a contract-marriage, but somewhere along the line Chiwa really fell in love with Hokuto.

思わず告白まじりのスピーチをしかけて――!?

Without thinking, she made a speech with a confession mixed in it, and her feelings were unexpectedly returned..?!

こんなのアリ!?なウエディングラブストーリー第4巻！

Is this all even possible?! Volume 4 of the wedding love-story!

新年会で彼の家族を知った千和は北斗に向ける

Chiwa met his family during the New Year celebrations and understood what it feels like your own blood relatives to look at you with cold stares.

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"PETIT COMIC & FLOWER COMICS ALFA"

Steady
~Happy Marriage!?~

CHARACTER

SOUMA TAEKO

Secretary attached to the president. Looks young, but is actually 55 years old.

STORY

Chiwa's motto: "I absolutely do not dream of men! I will live a steady life!" ... or at least it was. But her circumstances were completely overturned when she married the president of her company Hokuto because she had to pay off a debt her father left her. Even though it was a contract-marriage, Chiwa fell in love with Hokuto and tries to shorten the distance between them. Meanwhile, there came an opportunity to meet his relatives at the Mamiya house New Year celebrations. Hokuto told her that since he is a mistress's child, all of them were his enemies. And in front of all those cold, indifferent relatives, Chiwa shouted out she loves Hokuto..?!

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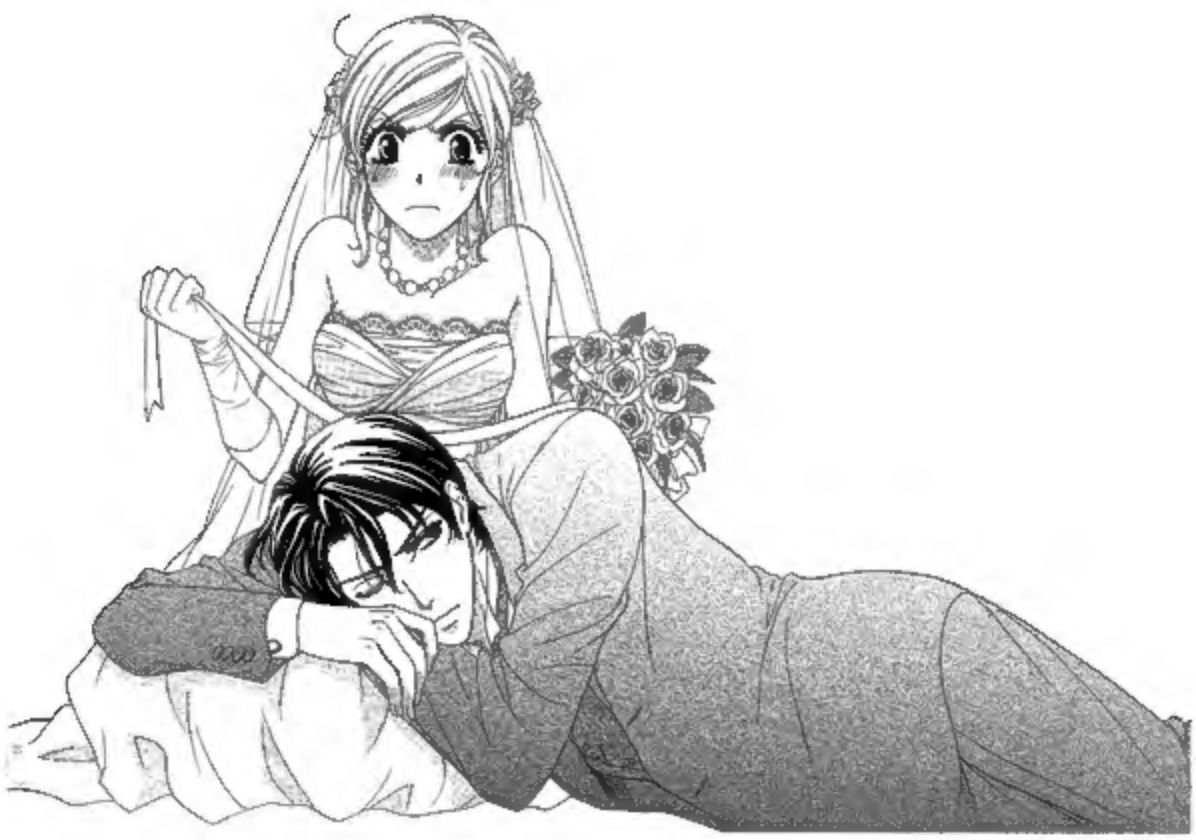
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF WORLD I WILL DISCOVER ONCE I FINALLY SLIP DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE...
HOLE?!
"Hole" is just...
NOT a confession of love, is it?!
Anyway, you think about it!
EH?
13ht Step
あなたの心を、聞かせてくれますか？
Would you let me hear what's in your heart?

13th Step
あなたの心を、聞かせてくれますか？
Would you let me hear what's in your heart?

HELLO!
WE'RE ALL THE WAY TO VOLUME 4!
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE THE RELEASE OF VOLUME 3, BUT IT'S DEFINITELY NOT AS IF I'M NOT WORKING HARD! *SWEAT*
BY THE WAY, THIS PICTURE BELOW IS A CUT FROM THE FIRST PRELIMINARY NOTICE FOR THE SERIES. IT'S SOMEHOW DIFFERENT FROM THE STORY NOW, ISN'T IT...
IN THE SERIES THOSE TWO HAVE NEVER WORN WEDDING COSTUMES, BUT PROBABLY THERE WILL COME A DAY WHEN THEY WILL...



At the New Year celebration, I learned the truth about Hokuto.
I decided I will become his only ally.
THUMP
That's why they call this a "suite."
THUMP
That's why I don't have objection to this kind of development...
And I don't have any reason to decline it... And yet...
Oooh! So huge! And so soft!
Sit

"...ONCE I FINALLY SLIP DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE..."
That was too much...
You see, you see, it's my first experience!
"I love you! I want you!"
Or something of the kind... That's what I--
expect...
Click
IT'S FREE.
GET IN.
WAAAAH! I CAN'T RUN AWAY!
Y-YES, SIR! ALLOW ME TO GET IN! RIGHT AWAY!
...

Being desired by the person you love
is happiness, right? It's a great thing, right? Right?!
T-That's right.
It must be done, sooner or later, so...
Besides, it's what Hokuto wants.
All right! That's settled, then! I was worried!
It's all ri...
Will it fit in?
THAT thing?
It's all right! It's nothing to be scared about! I can do it, I can!
SFX: JUMP OUT
NO, NO, IT'S NO USE THINKING ABOUT IT!
THERE'S LOVE, SO IT'S ALL RIGHT!

HOKUTO!
Attack from any direction you want!
WELL!
GO FOR IT!
Go for what ?!
close
THUMP
THUMP

COME
THUMP
step
WAAAH!
WAAAH!
THUMP
THUMP
AH
JUST A MOMENT BEFORE YOU START!

I ..
I TRUST YOU
IT'S YOU SO I DO
AND I.. I WILL DO MY BEST AS A WIFE, FROM NOW ON.
AH OK.
What..?
ALL RIGHT
I'M TURNING OFF THE LIGHTS.

ARE YOU THINKING OF SOME-THING?
And moreover
Isn't the tension a little high?
Is this normal?
I don't get it!
is that a
he has as a reply ?
EH?! AH, N-NO, NOTHING.
AH ..
KISS
KISS
W-WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?!
.."HAVE TO DO"..
.. HN ..

WELL, FOR THE TIME BEING,
CUT OUT THE PILLOW-HUGGING.
!
AH
Shiver
What do I do?
Wha... What is this feeling... I'm shivering.
Is it all right to just be made love to like this?

But... I want him to touch me more, more...
I feel it from the inside.
HO ..
HOKUTO.
I love you, so...
I trust you, so...
SO SLEEPY..

Wha?!
I'M SO SLEEPY
I'M GOING TO SLEEP.

...What...
just happened...
GASP
GASP
GASP

Clink
Clink
Clink
Clink
SI~LENCE
EHM .. HEY...
ABOUT LAST NIGHT.
IT WAS NO GOOD WITH ME, RIGHT ?
I .. I DIDN'T REALLY UNDER-STAND WHAT I DID WRONG ..
NO-THING..
not really
B-BUT BEING WHO I AM, I'M SURE
I DID SOMETHING WRONG, DIDN'T I?

I SAID IT WAS NOTH-ING-
THEN WHY..?!
ガチャーン
-SFX SLAM-
D-DO YOU KNOW HOW TENSE AND NERVOUS I WAS ABOUT IT?!
IT FELT LIKE FALLING DOWN FROM THE ROOFTOP OF THE HOTEL!
DON'T MAKE ME REPEAT MYSELF.
I TOLD YOU IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT, RIGHT?
YOU'RE OVERREACT-ING IT WAS JUST ONE TIME OF SEX

SFX: BANG
I'M GOING HOME!
AND I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE!
YOU CAN HAVE THE REST OF MY BREAKFAST.
What the...

What...?!
What...?!
What was that?!!!
Weren't you the one talking about slipping into holes, Hokuto?!
I thought that if I trusted him
this morning would be different from all other ones.
Then why am I walking in the city, decorated for New Year's,
CLOSED
with this miserable feeling?

HEY,
HEY,
LISTEN, EVERYONE! I GOT A NEW GIRLFRIE-
THERE YOU ARE, TAKANASHI-SAN!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
GIRL-FRIEND?!
SFX. YANK
EECK!
And even though I'm so very miserable
I have no other place to go home to but the place where he lives.
Still New Year's

I WANT TO HEAR ALL ABOUT HER .. E-HE-HE-HE-HE...
TH-TH-TH-TH-THANK YOU—
TA .? TAKANA—
HEH, I SEE .. CONGRATS .. GOOD FOR YOU...
GIRL-FRIEND...
HOW ABOUT TONIGHT?!

BA
NG

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU STILL HAVEN'T DONE IT
BUT STILL, WHAT A DEVELOP-MENT
HOW MANY MONTHS HAS IT BEEN?
GAH.
I DON'T WANT TO KNOW YOU THERE HAD TO BE A NEW YEAR'S PARTY
TALKING TALKING
ANOTHER ONE! ON THE DOUBLE!
Coming up!

Noisy
I pressed her "on" switch..
Noisy
IT WAS MY FIRST TIME, AFTER ALL!
I WAS IN A MENTAL STATE AS IF I WAS GOING TO JUMP FROM TOKYO TOWER!
AND HE... AND YET, THAT GUY...
Teary
BUT I THOUGHT, IF IT WOULD MAKE HIM AT LEAST A BIT HAPPY—
STARE
HE TOOK ME THERE, YOU KNOW?!
AND I DIDN'T OBJECT AT ALL, YOU KNOW?!
DIDN'T I JUST TELL YOU WE WENT TO THAT HOTEL?!
HERE
WAAAAH!
WAAAAH!
I BET HE WAS DISILLUSIONED WHEN HE SAW ME NAKED!
HERE, TAKE YOUR BEER
WAAAAH!
WE GET IT, SHUT UP!
BUT I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT!
WHAT SHOULD I HAVE DONE?!
C-CALM DOWN, TAKANASHI-SAN!
WAAAAH!

I'M SORRY ..
OH, WELL, IT'S ALL RIGHT
ALTHOUGH I WON'T BE ABLE TO SHOW MY FACE IN THAT BAR FOR A WHILE .
BY THE WAY, TELL ME ABOUT THE GIRL-FRIEND.
DID YOU DO IT AL-READY?
W-WHAT'S THIS, ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
WELL, MORE OR LESS
BUT ACTUALLY, IT'S A LONG-DISTANCE RELATIONSHIP.
We met at the branch of the company in Nagoya.
EH? REALLY?
THEN IT MUST BE A BIG LOVE...
WE EXCHANGE E-MAIL ABOUT ONCE A DAY
AND WE DECIDED TO MEET AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH
I SEE. THE DISTANCE IS NOT A PROBLEM
WE LIVE SO CLOSE BY AND WE DON'T EVEN SPEAK TO EACH OTHER
HEY, YAGAMI-KUN..
WHAT DID YOU FEEL THE FIRST TIME
YOU DID IT WITH THE GIRL YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH..?

WELL
OF COURSE, MY HEART WAS THROB-BING. .
AND I WAS HAPPY .
I SEE
SO IT'S THE SAME FOR MEN, TOO...
Throbbing heart, happiness...
There was nothing of the kind, was there.
He didn't really like anything about me...
CHEER UP, PLEASE ..
I'M SORRY THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I CAN SAY TO YOU

President
NOW THAT YOUR WIFE'S FEELINGS WERE MADE CLEAR, I FEEL RELIEVED, TOO.
BUT THEN...
I HEARD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AT THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION PARTY
WELL, MORE PRECISELY, THE CHAIRMAN HAPPILY INFORMED ME EVERYTHING
SFX BANG
THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU, PRESI-DENT...
DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU FEEL MAD?
YOUR WIFE IS WITH ANOTHER MAN.
This photo is proof
YOU'RE BECOMING MORE LIKE A MOTHER-IN-LAW WITH EVERY PASS-ING DAY...
WHY DOES THAT WIFE OF YOURS SPEND DAY AFTER DAY,
AT THE VERY START OF THE YEAR, DRINKING AND WALKING WITH THAT MAN, YAGAMI YUU?!

SFX SPLASH
CREAK
THIS TIME
IT'S ENTIRELY MY FAULT...

SILENCE
IT'S SO QUIET
THE BATH
Rub
rustle
SLAM

CHI—!
PULL
Cough

Cough
Cough

AH!

EH WHAT?!

I THE BATH?

But
My body has been properly dried
He put me in my pajamas.
He... He saw everything...
YOU WERE DROWNING IN THE TUB.
YOU WENT IN DRUNK, DIDN'T YOU?
SFX JUMP
I'M NOT TELLING YOU NOT TO DRINK.
BUT BE CAREFUL.
YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE OVER SUCH A THING, RIGHT?
EVEN WHEN YOU SAW ME NAKED,
YOU STILL FELT NOTHING.

YOU TALKED TO ME ABOUT TRYING WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE, HOKUTO, REMEMBER?!
I LOVE YOU, SO I BELIEVED YOU
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT AT SUCH A TIME, YOU IDIOT
BUT THAT'S THE TRUTH, ISN'T IT?!
BUT ALL I FOUND OUT WHEN I TRIED IT WAS ONLY
THAT YOU DON'T LOVE ME ONE BIT, AND NOTHING ELSE...

Turn
SFX: SHOVE
NO!
DON'T KISS ME IF YOU DON'T LOVE ME!
I'VE ALREADY HAD IT WITH BEING DECEIVED!

KYAH!
I SAID NO!
LET ME G..!
...

Ha...
EN... ENOUGH!
WHY ARE YOU KISSING ME?!
IDIOT!
IDI. ?
First time ever a woman called him "idiot.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS KISS ME THIS WAY
THAT I MISUNDERSTOOD EVERYTHING!

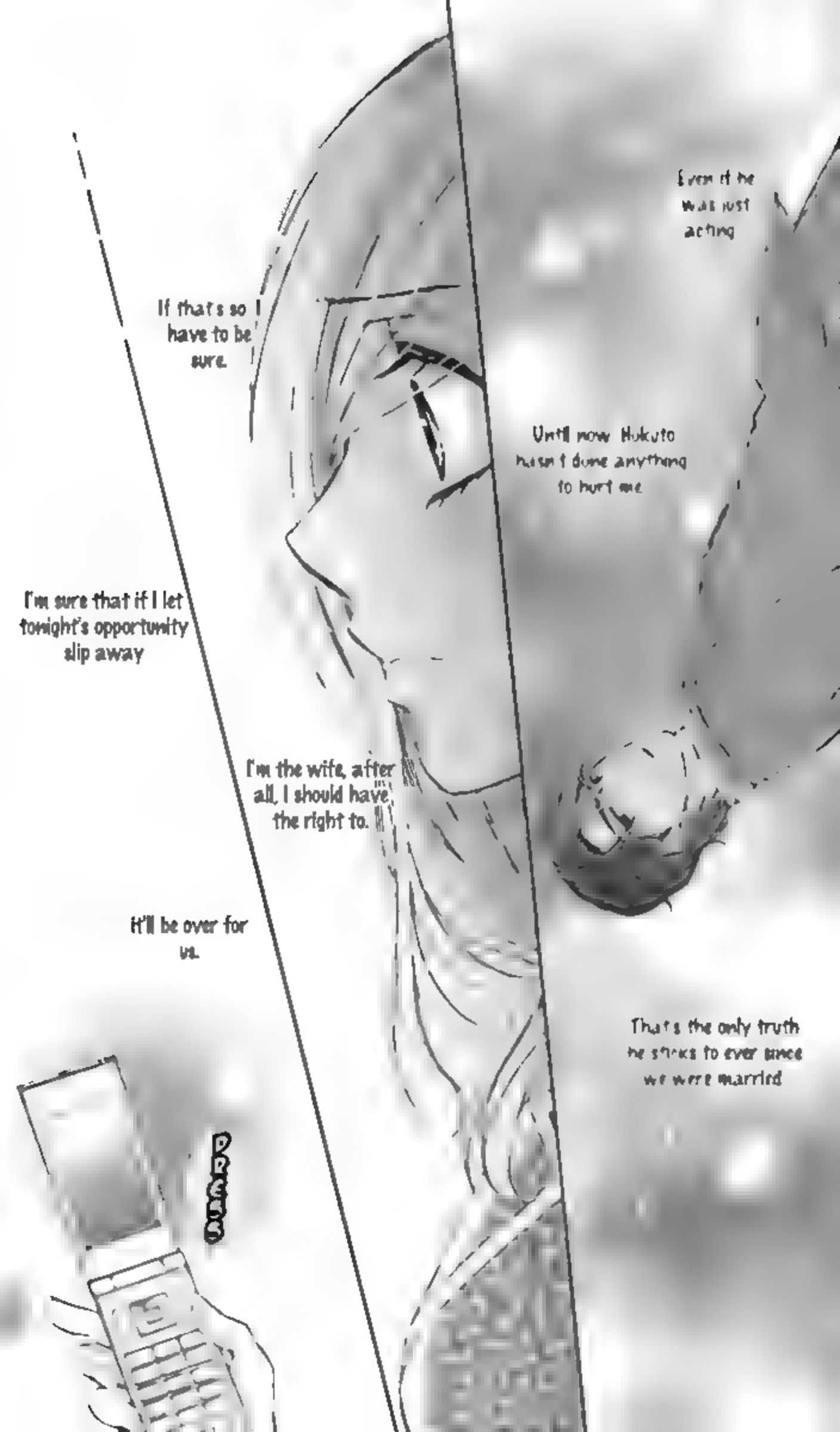
YOU'RE KISSING ME AS IF YOU'RE SAYING "I LOVE YOU!"
"THIS WAY" BEING WHAT WAY..?
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE, I CAN'T STAND IT..!
AND I CAN'T STAND MYSELF FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO SAY "NO"...
. "I LOVE YOU"..?

HOKUTO?
I UNDER-STAND
THAT'S WHY THAT TIME I...
SFX THUMP
NNNN

RING
What? What was that expression just now?
THUMP
What a way to smile...
I SHOULD PICK IT UP IT'S THE WORK-PHONE
I'M GOING OUT
THUMP
I SEE.
TO-NIGHT—
EH?
LOOKS LIKE AN EMER-GENCY THEY NEED ME THERE.
HELLO?

NO, IT'S NOTHING. GO TO BED.
SLEEP THE ALCOHOL OFF
Lock
He told me to sleep, but
STEP
Hokuto...
Tap
AND YOU, DON'T CATCH A COLD...
I can't. What happened weighs too much on my mind.
WAH .. LOOKS SO COLD OUT-SIDE..
What was he going to say?
Right when I finally managed to make him open his mouth.

We had a deal
Like how he truly feels and what he thinks...
I wonder why he didn't tell me anything before.
BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT TO LIE TO ME..?
MAYBE HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING BEFORE
What he truly thinks and feels.
What if
those were things that could hurt me..?


Even if he was just acting
If that's so I have to be sure.
Until now Hokuto hasn't done anything to hurt me
I'm sure that if I let tonight's opportunity slip away
I'm the wife, after all, I should have the right to.
it'll be over for us.
That's the only truth he's told ever since we were married
PRRR

I'm awake tonight. I'll be waiting for the rest of the conversation we started.
AH! I SHOULDN'T CALL DURING WORK...
Beep
Beep

THE FRIDGE IS EMPTY.
OOPS!
I've decided, so now I just have to do my best not to fall asleep.
All right!
stomp
stomp
NO CHOICE THEN
I'LL GO TO THE STORE

EH...
SFX DIZZY
HURRY!
THUD
ARE YOU SURE NOBODY SAW US?!
Wh...at..?
THUD
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE WOMAN?!
SLAM

<13th Step Would you let me hear what's in your heart?>
"The End"

*NOTE. ED, IN THIS CASE, STANDS FOR "ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION."

AERANDRIA

Hapi Mari
vol 04 Chapter 13

SCANNER: LACAILLE
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OH MY GOD! Seriously, Hokuto? Next time you do that again and disappoint me, I'll make sure I bury that HOLE foreva! Rawr! *cough* looks around

- craxx

14th Step

Would you let me hear those words again?

What did you

Nokoria...!

OH!

YOU'RE AWAKE?

Where... am I?

Who... are these people?

DON'T WORRY,

WE DON'T PLAN ON DOING ANY-THING WEIRD TO YOU.

SORRY, BUT SOME STUFF HAPPENED AND WE KIND OF KIDNAPPED YOU.

...?!

AH

EH?

What in the world is happening?!

Heh Heh Heh

ALTHOUGH IF WE WERE ORDERED TO, WE MIGHT.

Oh, no.

sit at the company

He has trouble

I don't want

How much time has passed since then?

I was going to wait until -- minute returning home

I wanted to buy something so I went out and then

I don't even have my mobile phone

Hokuto!

HEY!

I'M HOME!

WHAT?
THE

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER, SENDING ME SUCH A MAIL?

RIIIING

RIIIING

RIIIING

OPEN

AREN'T YOU HERE?

You see, she's with us right now

But you don't have to worry.

Ah. he picked up. he picked up! Mr Husband?

HEL-LO?

?!

This is your wife's phone, isn't it?

We're just doing it because a certain person asked us to do it.

We've nothing against you personally

WHAT—

EEEK!

I wasn't peeking, I'm just trying to guard you!

Peeking while in the toilet, you're the worst! Die!

EEEK!

Well, it's as you hear it..

You've got one violent wife!

CHOMP

Chwa... is she all right?!

Ouch!

YEAH MORE THAN NECESSARY

HEY... WHAT DID THOSE WORDS JUST NOW MEAN?

You villains, do you think you will get away with doing something like this?!

What will you do when the police hear about this?!

And who do you think will tell the police?

Nobody!

Exactly what I said.

Listen well

Before you contact the police, think whether you want to save your wife and come alone to a place we'll designate.

Who knows?

Now, the place is...

SO, RIGHT FROM THE START, YOUR TARGET WAS ME.

Beep

JUST NOW, I CONTACTED YOUR HUSBAND.

EH?!

WHY?!

WHY DID YOU CALL HOKUTO?!

BECAUSE WE WERE ORDERED TO DO IT. I TOLD YOU, WE DON'T KNOW YOU PERSONALLY

ANYWAY, IF HE DOESN'T COME, WE CAN'T FREE YOU.

CLIENT?

SO, WE TOLD YOUR HUSBAND TO COME HERE

HOW DO YOU KNOW I'M MARRIED...?

OUR CLIENT TOLD US.

WE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOU BEFORE THAT.

Who's the client?

REALLY? WHY'D YOU THINK SO?

Why Hokuto?

HOKUTO WON'T COME! I'M SURE HE'S ALREADY CONTACTED THE POLICE!

YOU'RE KIDDING ME!

Why?!

IF HE'S WORRIED ABOUT YOU, IT'S ONLY NATURAL HE'LL COME.

YOU ARE HUSBAND AND WIFE, RIGHT?

I'VE NEVER SEEN A PRESIDENT'S WIFE ACTING LIKE THIS BEFORE!

BUT DARN,

Up until now I was convinced we could become normal husband and wife.

But...

We're still not husband and wife

AH!

I know that Hideko's too rational to do such a

And furthermore,

SPEECH

No way!

LOOKS LIKE HE'S HERE.

CLAM

HE'S HERE. HE'S HERE GOOD FOR YOU EH, MRS WIFE?

WE'RE SURE THAT'S HIM, RIGHT?

I CAME, AS YOU ASKED.

THE MISSUS IS SAFE AND SOUND, RIGHT?

It really is Hokuto's voice

WELCOME, MR BOSS

YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE SHOWING YOUR FACE BEFORE ME

WELL, I DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE REPORTING ME TO ANYONE

THERE'S SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO MEET YOU.

BUT IT SEEMS THAT JUST COMING ISN'T GOING TO BE ENOUGH.

CHIWA!

YA

HEY, GET UP!

HOKU-TO...

EEK!

NK

WHY... DID YOU COME...?

I WAS SURE YOU'D LEAVE THIS TO THE POLICE...

WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO SAID WE HAD TO TALK AND YOU'D WAIT FOR ME?

IDIOT.

WHA..?!

WHAT'S WITH THE "IDIOT?" WHO'S THE "IDIOT"..?!

AND WHO'S THE ONE WHO GOES AROUND CALLING PEOPLE "IDIOTS?"

I JUST RETURNED THE FAVOR

WHA... YOU...

HEY, HEY, HELLO...?

Whats with this couple?

IF YOU'RE ACTING LIKE THIS,

THEN THEY HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING TO YOU, EH...

He came for me.

He came for me.

With just that,

NO NEED TO BE SO ROUGH!

AND YOU, MR. BOSS, COME THIS WAY.

HEY, WALK!

OUCH!

all of my doubts were washed away.

THEY HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WEIRD,

BUT THEY'RE ALL SUCH THUGS!

I've had it!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I really am an idiot, after all.

YOU WERE AT THE COMPANY...

...!

MAYBE YOU HAD TO LEAVE HALFWAY THROUGH SOMETHING IMPOR-TANT...

WITH WHAT?

BUT MORE IMPOR-TANTLY... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT WITH THIS, HOKUTO?

I DIDN'T LEAVE HALF-WAY THROUGH ANYTHING.

RELAX.

BUT EVEN IF I HAD,

I CAN MANAGE BOTH JUST AS WELL.

Hmph.

GYAAH!

YOU'RE A GENUINE IDIOT!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, WORRY ABOUT YOUR-SELF!

B-BUT WHAT'S SO WRONG ABOUT WORRY-ING?! IF YOU MUST KNOW, I—

GYAAH!

I've had it with this couple!

HEEEY, HELLO...

I would've asked him about it if we only [illegible] situation...

HERE,

OPEN

GET IN.

He just put me and his work on the same level?!

...!

EH...

BUT THIS PLACE IS EMPTY...

I SEE,

LACKING IN GOOD UPBRINGING AS EVER.

IS THIS...

A CAMERA?

LONG TIME, NO SEE. THANKS FOR LAST TIME.

YOU TREATED ME TO SOME REALLY DELI-CIOUS WINE.

This voice! I've heard it at that New Year's celebration!

Don't tell me this is revenge for that time?!

I KNEW IT ..

I WAS SURE ONLY YOU COULD COME UP WITH SUCH A LOW-LEVEL STUNT.

LOW LEVEL?

LOOK WHO'S TALKING!

If I only hadn't done that...

It's all my fault. ?

YOU CAN'T EVEN DISCIPLINE YOUR OWN WIFE.

YOU MANAGED TO EMBARRASS ME DAMN WELL.

DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY DAYS I COULDN'T SLEEP BECAUSE I WAS SO MAD AT YOU?

WHY DOES SOMEONE LIKE ME HAVE TO BE SUBJECTED TO SUCH HUMILIATION?!

IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT I FEEL DISGUSTED JUST BEING IN THE SAME ROOM WITH YOU, GOD-KNOWS-WHOSE BASTARD.

BUT YOU HAD TO DRAG ALONG THAT WIFE OF YOURS

This guy really hates Hokuto so much

YOU'RE AN ABSOLUTE EYESORE IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY

IF YOU HADN'T COME TO MAMIYA,

THE COMPANY YOU NOW CALL YOURS WOULD'VE BEEN MINE...

SO,

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO ABOUT IT?

IT'S SIMPLE.

PROSTRATE YOURSELF ON THE GROUND BEFORE THAT CAMERA...

BEFORE MY EYES.

OF COURSE, ALL OF THAT WILL BE RECORDED.

AND I WILL KEEP PLAYING IT TO YOU FOR A LONG TIME IN THE FUTURE.

WHA...

SAY, "MY WIFE HAS BEEN HORRIBLY DISRESPECTFUL AND IRREVERENT "

BURY YOUR FACE IN THE GROUND AND APOLOGIZE.

PROS-TRATE?!

SHUT HER UP.

WHY SHOULD HOKUTO DO SUCH A THING?!

IF SOME-ONE HAS TO DO IT, IT MUST BE ME!

CHIWA!

HN!

BECAUSE IT'S SOMETHING I HAVE DONE!

HEY THERE!

YOU—

I don't want to see him do such a thing...

Not for me!

No! No!

IT'S SUCH A MIS-FORTUNE, ISN'T IT, TO HAVE SUCH A GOOD FOR NOTHING WIFE

YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DO AS YOU PLEASE.

YOU CAN CHOOSE TO JUST GO HOME WITH-OUT DOING ANYTHING

OF COURSE,

WHAT HAPPENED WASN'T PER-SONALLY YOUR FAULT

IF YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE BOWING, I DON'T MIND IF YOU JUST LEAVE HER HERE.

Shock

SHE MIGHT HAVE ONE OR TWO WOUNDS ON HER, THOUGH

EVEN IF YOU DON'T DO IT, I'LL SEND HER HOME IN THE MORNING.

I brought such a thing over Hokuto's head..

Squeeze

BUT IT SEEMS THAT WOMAN'S REALLY INTO YOU, EH?

IF YOU WERE TO BETRAY HER LIKE THIS...

Why in the world did I have to do that?!

WELL, WHAT WILL YOU DO?

NO MATTER WHAT YOU CHOOSE,

I'LL HAVE MY ENTER-TAINMENT.

If he just wanted an apology, I'd apologize as many times as he wants me to.

So please

Please, do not make Hokuto do such a thing!

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE HESIT--

THERE'S NOTHING TO HESITATE ABOUT!

YANK

Hokuto...

SO YOU DON'T EVEN HESITATE?

IN A CERTAIN SENSE, I'M DISAPPOINTED.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE TYPE WHO CUTS AND THROWS AWAY EVERYTHING THAT DOESN'T BRING YOU SOME KIND OF PROFIT.

CUT OUT THE WHINING ALREADY.

THE ONLY OPTION IS GOING HOME WITH HER.

AND YOU, IF YOU DON'T KEEP YOUR WORD, I HOPE YOU'RE PREPARED TO FACE THE CONSEQUENCES.

SO, THE *TWO* OF US MUST HURRY BACK HOME.

BOWING IS CHEAP.

I'LL DO AS MANY OF THEM AS YOU WANT.

OW

UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE SOME IMPORTANT BUSINESS TONIGHT.

I JUST NOTICED IT, TOO.

I APPEAR TO BE MORE OF A DEVOTED AND LOVING HUSBAND THAN I THOUGHT I WAS.

Loosen

Hokuto, what did you mean?

What did he mean...?

What... was that just now...

!

HOKU-TO!

It's loose?!

AH!

WAIT!

RUSH

H-HEY!

LOVE

HERE, I'M ALL RIGHT NOW!

YOU'RE

HOKUTO, DON'T DO IT. JUST GO!

AND TELL ME, WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THOSE WORDS JUST NOW?

WHAT DO YOU FEEL ABOUT M—

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, YOU?!

YOU LIT-TLE...

YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE AN IDIOT OUT OF ME, EH?

EH—

RUNNING

AH, YEAH!

WHATEVER, WE HAVE TO RUN! THIS IS BAD!

LIMP

HO. HOKU... TO...?

IDIOT!

WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR?!

B-BUT IT'S HER FAULT...!

CLANK

EH...

NOOO!

705

MAMIYA HOK

Swish

MADAM?

Hokuto's injury was serious enough to require stitches,

but his life was not in danger.

He was hospitalized after just an examination...

I'LL STAY WITH HIM, SO PLEASE, GET SOME REST ..

YOU HAVEN'T SLEPT FOR A WHILE, HAVE YOU?

BUT ...

IT'S ALL RIGHT THERE WEREN'T ANY ABNORMALITIES IN HIS BRAIN-WAVES, SO I'M SURE THAT HE'LL BE AWAKE SHORTLY.

I didn't report anything to the police

It was Souma-san's decision,

but I was sure Hokuto would've done the same, so I agreed

JUST A LITTLE MORE

UNTIL HE REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS

HN..

Although in the end, everything turned out the way those people said it would.

PRESIDENT!

WHAT HAP- PE--

HOKUTO!

thump

I'M NOT SURE WHAT'S HAPPENING, BUT

I'M GOING TO TELL THE DOCTORS YOU'RE AWAKE!

YOU SHOULDN'T GET UP! YOUR HEAD IS ALL STITCHED!

I-I-I-I'M SO GLAD!

SOME- HOW...

YOUR FACE LOOKS TERRIBLE.

And I haven't slept.

THAT'S BECAUSE I HAVEN'T GONE HOME EVEN ONCE!

SHOCK

WHA?!

I'M SO GLAD...

IF SOME-THING HAD HAPPENED TO YOU, HOKUTO...

I..I.

THAT YOU'RE SAFE.

I'M ALSO GLAD.

IF I HADN'T THROWN THAT WINE AND EVERY-THING BACK THEN, NONE OF THIS WOULD'VE.

I'M SO SORRY... I...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, WORRY ABOUT YOUR-SELF!

SHE'S SNAPPING AT ME THE SAME WAY I SNAPPED AT HER.

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN WOUNDED...

IN THAT CASE,

GET ALL THAT HAPPENED OUT OF YOUR MIND. JUST HURRY UP AND FORGET IT.

I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU TELL ME TO, JUST...!

IF I CAN MAKE UP FOR WHAT I'VE DONE, I'D DO ANY-THING.

Touch

BUT—

WHAAAT?!

IT'S A BOTHER.

OR DO YOU PLAN TO BE SO EASILY SWAYED EVERY TIME FROM NOW ON?

I DIDN'T BOW.

AND YOU LOST NOTHING. ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?

That means I can continue being his wife.

ABOUT BEFORE... CHIWA.

THANK YOU...

He said "from now on."

THE DOCTOR IS H—

PRESI-DENT!

We were interrupted when we were getting to the good part...

PRESI-DENT...

IT'S FINE. SHE'LL BE BACK IN NO TIME, ANY-WAY

Oh, well, no harm done.

I'M SORRY! I GOT IN THE WAY!

NO!

I HAVE TO GO GET A CHANGE OF CLOTHES NOW!

EH!

EHM ..

BY ANY CHANCE...

Now that I understood that he still treasures me.

I don't have to press him for what happened that night anymore.

If it's all right to stay by your side,

all I want is to support you. Always.

HMM. I WONDER IF I TOOK TOO MANY

Oo。

HEAVY

BUT WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG HE MIGHT BE DETAINED AT THE HOSPITAL.

Guess it's all right.

705

MAMIYA HOKU

ISN'T THERE SOME WAY TO LEAVE THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW?

STARTLE

I UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU MEAN, BUT ..

IT WOULD BE BAD IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOUR HEAD-WOUND YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL.

...

HOW ABOUT HAVING THE VICE PRESI-DENT ACT FOR YOU IN THIS INSTANCE?

IT'LL BE SUCH A DISGRACE, RUNNING AWAY FROM THAT CONVERSA-TION.

AH, MAN...

DAMN ..

HE'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THIS, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. THAT DAMN OLD MAN...

It's my fault.

?

HE'S COMING BACK TO JAPAN THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW.

UNLESS I GO PERSONALLY, THERE'LL BE NO WAY TO EXPLAIN ALL OF THIS TO HIM

AND NOW,

ABOUT THE RECENT STRIFE, WHAT SHOULD WE REPORT TO THE MAMIYA HEAD HOUSE?

I stood

in Hokuto's way.

SHE

I WONDER IF SHE MIGHT HAVE FA..EN ASLEEP

EH?

ISN'T SHE LATE?

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU DOING...?

NOW THAT YOU MEN-TION IT

I'LL TRY CONTACTING HER

HURRY UP AND COME HERE...

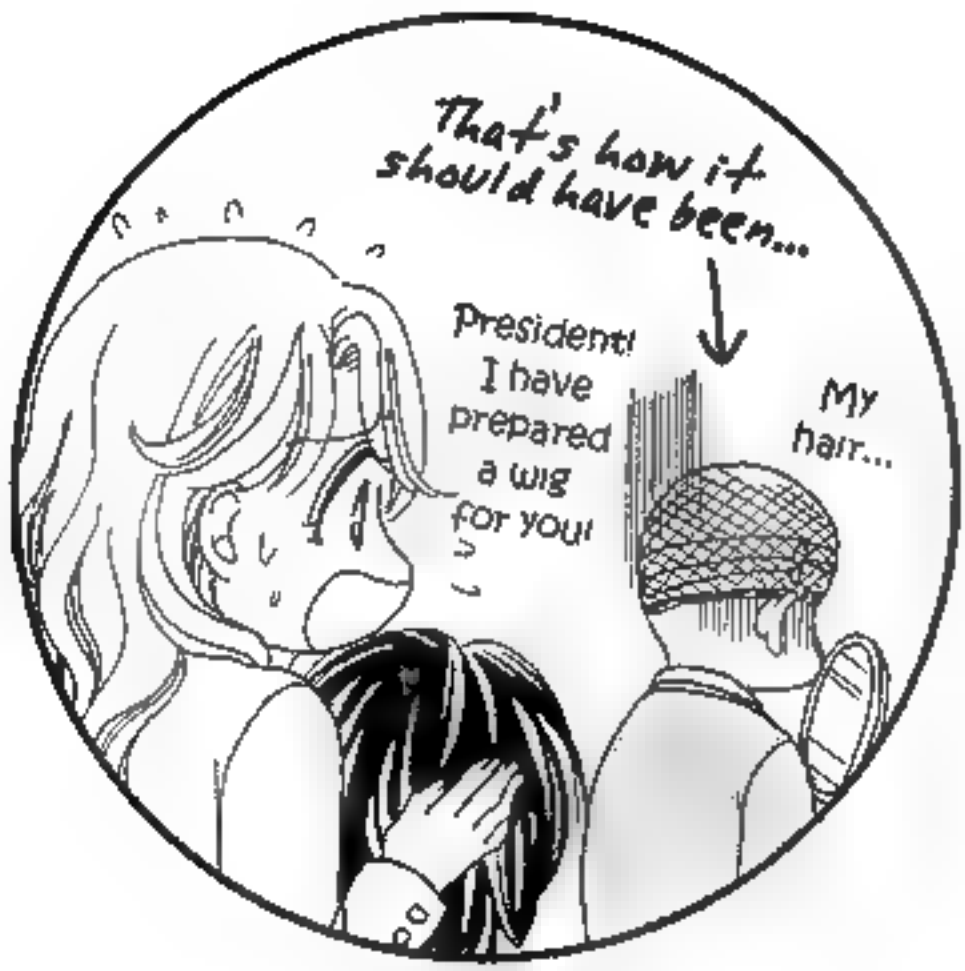
It was a lie that I lost nothing.

I lost the right to look Hokuto in the face ever again...

BAG?

Open

<14th Step Would you let me hear those words again?> *The End*



Adults have some issues, too.

RAWR
Why won't you release the next chapter?!
Can I help you?

What can I do to help?
Fan Girl

It's not like YOU helped out any.
We don't have enough translators or editors.
Stop yelling already
!!!

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What is it with hot men in trench coats? *supresses the urge to get pervy*

-Lacaille

15th Step

Is this really what's in your heart?

The subscriber you are trying to dial is out of range...
Or their battery has run out...
...
WHAT THE?!
WHY DOESN'T SHE PICK UP?
WHY ISN'T SHE COMING?
I can't text her, either
AH!
PRESI-DENT!
I KNEW YOU'D BE HERE, SO...
YES...
IS IT SOMETHING AT THE COMPANY?
NO, IT'S WORSE THAN THAT...
This is the only place here where I can use a mobile.

?
THEY HAVE RECEIVED YOUR WIFE'S RESIGNATION AT THE COMPANY.
...WHAT?

WOOF
GYAAAH!
WOOF
Peek
E— EXCUSE ME FOR THE INTRUSION...

Silence
Huh?
I SEE..
YOU RECOGNIZED ME AS ONE OF THE MAMIYAS.
BUT..
FROM TODAY ON..
EVERY-THING STARTED ...
WITH THE MESS I MADE DURING THE NEW YEAR CELEBRA-TIONS.

BECAUSE OF THAT, I ENDED UP KIDNAPPED BY HOKUTO'S RELATIVE, WHO HATES HIM.
HOKUTO WAS BADLY HURT TRYING TO DEFEND ME.
AND AS IF THAT WASN'T ENOUGH...
HOKUTO LOST AN IMPORTANT CONTRACT OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE OF HIS INJURY...
I'M SURE I'LL NEVER FORGET IT...
You were Tristan right? Or? Or was it you?
CHIWA-SAN!
I STILL REMEMBER-
THAT TOUCH.

BOW
PLEASE ACCEPT...
MY DEEPEST APOLOGIES!
AH... CHAIRMAN!
YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN IN THE RIGHT TO INFORM THE POLICE, BUT YOU TOOK PITY ON US, AND—
MY STUPID GRANDSON DID SOMETHING UNFORGIVABLE
TODAY, I WILL PUT AN END TO IT ALL.
PLEASE, RAISE YOUR HEAD, CHAIRMAN...
AND LISTEN TO ME...
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF SUCH THINGS.

Stomp
HEY!
Stomp
間宮
MAMIYA
Stomp

BRAIN
HOW DARE YOU RETURN WITHOUT EVEN SHOWING YOUR FACE!!
HEY WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!

For Hokuto
WHAT THE...
WHERE HAS SHE GONE..?
I'm sorry for making this decision on my own.
But I have made up my mind to leave
You told me to forget about it, Hokuto
But the more I think about it, the less I can forget, and the more painful it becomes.

SHOCK
think it will be difficult for us to keep living together
If you understand my feelings, then
Please sign the enclosed document
YOU WANT A DIVORCE?
RUSTLE

NO...
I SEE... YOU HAD TO SUFFER SUCH TERRIBLE THINGS BECAUSE OF US...
AH, NO!
THAT'S NOT THE REASON!
YES...
I'M SORRY...
BUT DOING THAT .
HOW COULD ..
I HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE HIS WIFE ANYMORE.
THAT WAS MY FAULT.
I FOUND OUT THAT BECAUSE OF HIS INJURY...
HOKUTO MISSED AN IMPORTANT BUSINESS DEAL...

I... LOVE HOKUTO-SAN.
THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO HELP HIM.
BUT LOOK WHAT HAPPENED...
IF THIS IS HOW IT'S GOING TO BE, REMAINING BY HIS SIDE MAKES NO SENSE.
I REALIZE THAT THIS IS VERY SELFISH OF ME.
BUT IF I MAKE ONE MORE MISTAKE LIKE THAT. .
CHAIRMAN..
I WAS THE ONE WHO ALLOWED SUCH ANIMOSITY TO EXIST BETWEEN MY GRANDCHILDREN, SO I HAVE NO RIGHT TO STOP YOU
I UNDERSTAND. DO WHAT YOU SEE FIT.

EVEN IF HE DIVORCES ME...
PLEASE DON'T REMOVE HOKUTO FROM THE POST OF PRESIDENT!
WHAT IS IT?
THANK YOU...
I HAVE ANOTHER REQUEST, TOO.
I'M SURE THAT IF YOU REMOVED SUCH A MAN FROM HIS POST, THE COMPANY WOULD SUFFER...
AS FAR AS I KNOW, EXCEPT NOW, HE HAS ALWAYS WORKED HARD, WITHOUT SPARING HIMSELF.
I THINK HOKUTO HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A PRESIDENT
I SEE. GOOD.
THAT'S WHY—
I KNOW HE IS CAPABLE ENOUGH.
AH... IN THAT CASE...

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.
I FEEL MUCH BETTER...
AFTER HEARING THIS...
I HAVE NEVER ASKED HIM...
BUT IT SEEMS THAT BOY HAS SOME HEAVY EMOTIONAL BAGGAGE.
STARTLE
WHEN I PROPOSED HIS MARRIAGE WITH YOU...
HE ACCEPTED IT WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH.
HE HAS BEEN THIS WAY EVER SINCE HE CAME TO THIS HOUSE.
HE NEVER ASKED FOR ANYTHING, AND NEVER COMPLAINED
I REALLY PITIED THE BOY.
BUT WHAT HAPPENED? WAS HE AT LEAST HONEST WITH YOU?

I HADN'T THOUGHT THIS FAR.
BUT HOW COULD I COMPARE MYSELF WITH HOKUTO'S MOTHER?
The number you are trying to reach is unavailable right now
Please try—
BUT HE'S RIGHT, ISN'T HE?
AH...
AH... NO... FORGET WHAT I SAID.
THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.
I SEE.
IT SEEMS HE'S UNEXPECTEDLY CLUMSY.
AH—
I DON'T REALLY KNOW.
BUT...
IF THIS IS HOW IT IS, HE WILL LOSE HIS FAMILY A SECOND TIME...

I'M SURE
THAT I'VE NEVER
MADE YOU THINK THAT YOU WERE HAPPY ABOUT MARRYING ME.
I SAID I WANTED TO KNOW HOW YOU FELT.
BUT ALL I DID WAS FORCE MY OWN FEELINGS ON YOU.
I WAS ALWAYS—
BUSY WITH MYSELF; AND NO ONE ELSE.
Please try your call again, or—

A FEW DAYS LATER
I MADE TEA. LET'S DRINK IT TOGETHER.
I DON'T CARE ABOUT TEA! COME HELP WITH THE CLEANING!
HEY, CHIWA!
YOU DO NOTHING BUT LAZE AROUND ALL DAY, ANYWAY!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO MAKE THE PLACE THIS DIRTY?!
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN THROWN OUT THE GARBAGE!
GAAAAAH!
ARGH! WHY DO ALL THE MEN AROUND ME HAVE TO BE THIS SLOPPY?!
WHO ARE YOU TO TALK, DAD?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
BUT YOU QUIT NOT ONLY YOUR MARRIAGE, BUT YOUR JOB, TOO...

TO BE A DIVORCED WOMAN AT YOUR AGE...
NO, I'M WORRIED BECAUSE YOU'RE YOUNG.
ALL RIGHT, I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING. I'M STILL YOUNG!
I'M WORRIED THAT YOU'RE FOLLOWING MY PATH, STEP BY STEP...
I'M NOT LIKE YOU WERE...
DAD..
MY DIVORCE WON'T BE AS DAMAGING.
BECAUSE I WAS NEVER REALLY A "WIFE."
OUR HEARTS FAILED TO MEET SO MANY TIMES, I CAN HARDLY COUNT THEM.

AND WE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A PHYSICAL RELATIONSHIP.
DING DONG
GET THAT, DAD!
I can't show my face as a divorced woman.
ALL RIGHT WHO COULD IT BE?
SOME SALESMAN OR SOMETHING?
HEY, CHIWA..
WHAT?
FREEZE
IT'S YOUR EX-HUSBAND.

COME IN...
I'LL GO GET SOME TEA.
A!
USE YOUR GRANDMA'S OLD ROOM.

SILENCE

GULP
GULP
I- I THINK HE'S ANGRY.
I'M IN TROUBLE.
CONGRATS ON GETTING OUT OF THE HOSPITA...
BAM
AND YOUR COMPLETE RECO—
EEK!
Shiver
Shiver
Shiver
U—
UM..
HE'S RAVING MAD! SCARY!
Y- YOU COULDN'T HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM YOUR PRESI-DENTIAL POST, SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
IS SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU?
OF COURSE SOMETHING IS BOTHERING ME, YOU OCTOPUS.

OCTO—
LISTEN, YOU!
HOW DARE YOU! AFTER I THOUGHT SO EARNESTLY ABOUT OUR FUTURE!
YOU DID, DIDN'T YOU?
THAT'S WHY I WAS CONVINCED AT FIRST, TOO.
FOR THE FIRST TWO DAYS...
WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT IT, YOU SEEMED TO BE THE VICTIM.
ON THE OLD MAN'S WHIM, YOU WERE INVOLVED IN MY SCHEMES.
IF YOU HADN'T BEEN MARRIED INTO THE MAMIYA FAMILY, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO SUFFER SO MUCH.

I THOUGHT THAT IF THAT'S HOW IT IS, I'D BETTER LET YOU GO.
SO I DECIDED TO DO WHAT YOU WANTED ME TO DO.
AND I WOULD JUST RETURN TO THE WAY I USED TO LIVE BEFORE.

I WAS THROWING AWAY THE TRACES OF YOUR PRESENCE ONE AFTER ANOTHER.
I THOUGHT GOING BACK TO THE WAY THINGS WERE WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME...

TONK
HOW-EVER...
GAHHHH! WHY DO YOU LEAVE THE CANS LIKE THAT AFTER YOU DRINK?!

I COULDN'T ERASE YOU...
FROM MY THOUGHTS ANYMORE.
HÓKUTO?
I HAD FORGOTTEN, BUT THEN AGAIN, I'M STILL THE USUAL ME.
AND ON THE FOURTH DAY... I WAS VERY ANGRY.
IT WASN'T UNTIL THE TH RD DAY THAT I REALIZED IT.

S- SOMETHING
BUT HADN'T YOU
YOURSELF...
THAT YOU WANTED TO KNOW ALL SORTS OF THINGS ABOUT ME?
DUZZ
DUNNN
EE-EEEK!

TOSS
!!!
OUT OF THE WAY!
SLAM
EEK!
YOU WILL...
LISTEN TO ME...
AND THEN YOU WILL *CAREFULLY* RECONSIDER.

I LOVE YOU.

HOW ABOUT NOW?
DO YOU STILL WANT TO BREAK UP?
.YOU-

DRIP
DRIP
YOU'RE TERRIBLE...
IT WAS
BUT . THAT WAS TOO SUDDEN .
DO YOU CRY EVEN WHEN SOMEONE CONFESSES?
I HEARD YOU. BECAUSE OF YOUR INJURIES YOUR BUSINESS NEGOTIATIONS FAILED.
NOTHING ELSE COULD STOP YOU FROM LEAVING.
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
I..

YOU MIGHT HAVE DIED.
AND I...
I CAN'T..
BECAUSE OF ME.
FORGET THAT.
I UNDERSTAND IF THAT'S HOW YOU SEE IT...
THEN MAKE ME FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
IT ALL HAPPENED BECAUSE OF THE MESS I MADE.
I GOT IN YOUR WAY. AND I ONLY EVER MEANT TO SUPPORT YOU.
I THOUGHT THAT I COULDN'T...
BE ANYTHING BUT A STUMBLING-BLOCK ON YOUR WAY TO YOUR GOAL.

KEEP THINKING HOW UNFORGIVABLE THAT WAS...
AND STAY BOUND TO ME. UNTIL DEATH.
AND CONTINUE THINKING ABOUT ME FOREVER.
HORRIB—
THAT'S...

WE'VE KISSED...
SEVERAL TIMES. FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER.
EVER SINCE THE TIME WE BARELY KNEW EACH OTHER.
BUT WHEN DID HOKUTO MANAGE TO BECOME SO SWEET?
I KNEW IT...
I'M RETURNING YOUR WORDS RIGHT BACK AT YOU.
YOUR LIPS ALWAYS SAY IT.
?!
THEY SAY YOU LOVE ME.
I WILL ASK YOU ONCE MORE.
DO YOU WANT TO BREAK UP WITH ME?

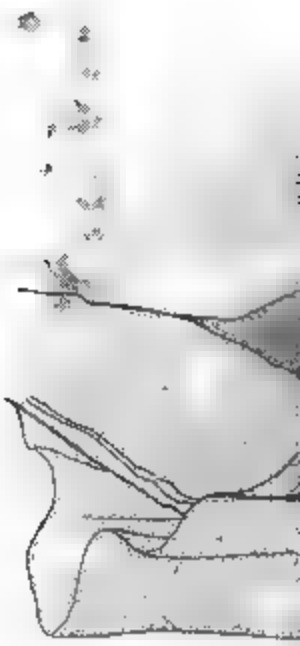
DO YOU...
LOVE ME?

I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!
I DON'T WANT TO BREAK UP WITH YOU!

I WAS
BE ABLE TO LEAVE THE MAMIYA FAMILY AFTER THAT.
I REALLY SHOULD HAVE MADE YOU MINE, THAT TIME.

I LOVE YOU.
I DON'T WANT TO PART WITH YOU.
THAT TERRIBLE FEELING
THE DAY HE SHED BLOOD TO SAVE ME.
I DON'T WANT
TO OPEN THE DOOR EVER AGAIN JUST TO FIND YOU GONE

DON'T
LEAVE
ME
AGAIN
HIS TREMBLING VOICE
AND SHIVERING BODY...
DON'T GO
ANYWHERE



I WILL NEVER FORGET THEM AS LONG AS I LIVE.

LOOK.
KSHHH
Hup—
YOUR GRAND-MOTHER.
THE ONE MY OLD MAN WAS INFAT-UATED WITH?
YES.
Although it's overgrown with weeds now.
IT'S A TINY, UNREMARKABLE YARD, ISN'T IT?
BUT IT WAS GRANDMA'S GARDEN.
SHE USED TO GROW VEGETABLES IN THAT LITTLE SPOT OVER THERE.
I DECIDED I WOULDN'T ENTRUST IT TO ANYONE ELSE...
WHEN I DECIDED TO MARRY YOU, HOKUTO.

I'M GLAD I GOT TO SHOW IT TO YOU, HOKUTO.
POMF
I SEE.
THIS IS WHERE IT ALL BEGINS.
THIS IS ANOTHER STANDING POINT WE HAVE IN COMMON, RIGHT?

WE WANT TO BE TOGETHER BECAUSE WE LOVE EACH OTHER.
IN THE END, ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THIS FEELING.
WE WILL BE TOGETHER FROM NOW ON, IN GOOD OR BAD TIMES.

SH IK
I EXCAVATED SOME GOOD COOKIES!
HEY, CHIWA!
AT LEAST KNOCK FIRST!
I'M GLAD WE DIDN'T START ANYTHING...
BUT THIS IS A PAPER DOOR.
WELL, FIND SOMEWHERE TO KNOCK!
HUH?! OOPS...
!!!
DID I COME IN AT AN INCONVENIENT TIME?

15th Step *Is this really what's in your heart?* End

The absolutely forbidden line

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OMG! FINALLY!!!! FINALLLLLLYYYYYY!!!! Now I must brace myself for the next chapter >.>

-craxx

16th Step

Would you make me yours?

Hello. I'm Mamiya Chiwa,
temporarily back to being Takanashi.
My feelings finally, finally reached Hokuto.
FATHER
THIS IS HOW THINGS STAND, SO I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR YOUR DAUGHTER'S HAND AGAIN.
I'M SORRY THAT'S HOW DAD IS
But thanks to dad, the long-awaited atmosphere was destroyed.
I thought we could have a snack.
He-hen, sorry to interrupt
That's enough.
SOO
SOO
SOO
SOO
ENOUGH ALREADY...

AH . YES.
OF COURSE, PLEASE.
BUT .. IT'LL BE LONELY WITHOUT HER ..
AH, BUT WHAT AM I SAYING, THIS IS A HAPPY OCCASION.
SHE IS THE ONLY RELATIVE I REALLY HAVE LEFT...
Father...
I'M SORRY.
BUT
SHE IS THE ONLY FAMILY I HAVE.

I will finally become Hokuto's wife...
MAY I
TAKE SOME LUGGAGE LATER ?
SFX SLAM
SURE, WHENEVER YOU WANT
RING
Inside my head is a mess.
Are you all right with me?
Is it all right saying I'm the only one for you?
Hokuto..!
I SWEAR
I WILL MAKE HER HAPPY.

I'M GOING TO THE USA NOW.
I wonder if we'll go to a hotel before going home..
Or maybe after we've returned home..?
THUMP
CHIWA.
HM?
THUMP
I still feel as if my feet don't touch the ground...
YES,
WHAT IS IT?
Calling voice
GOOD FOR YOU HA HA HA.
I-IS THAT SO
SOMETHING MIGHT STILL BE DONE FOR THOSE FAILED NEGOTIATIONS, SO I HAVE TO HURRY
THAT'S RIGHT
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN "NOW" .. TODAY?!
I bet you did.
Let's go home now
WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT I'VE BEEN THINKING A LOT OF YOU THESE LAST FEW DAYS,
BUT IT'S NOT AS IF THAT'S ALL I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT.
I was pretty busy

OPEN
Ah, well, since he's gone...
I might as well do some cleaning
A few hours later
Bow
I thought such a thing might happen.
I shouldn't have gotten my hopes up.
Have a safe trip.
Ha ha ha
CLOSE
I was prepared but
It's horrible..!
SOb
SOb
SOb
SOb

One week later.
Being like this
Oh, yeah Of course I'm used to it already Yes. I am.
He left me without a word for one week He left me
What happened to me being his only family and making me happy?
Was I dreaming all that...
or was it just my delusion...?
HM?
Got a new phone
Mail?
DING DONG!

FINALLY A MAIL, AND ALL I GET IS THIS?!
DING DONG!
Keep in mind we're not going home from the airport
Be prepared
Tomorrow..

Tomorrow I will finally be able to meet Hokuto.
SHANGHAI
Ah...
Talking
Talking

HEY!
DID YOU MISS ME THIS PAST WEEK?
M-MISS ..

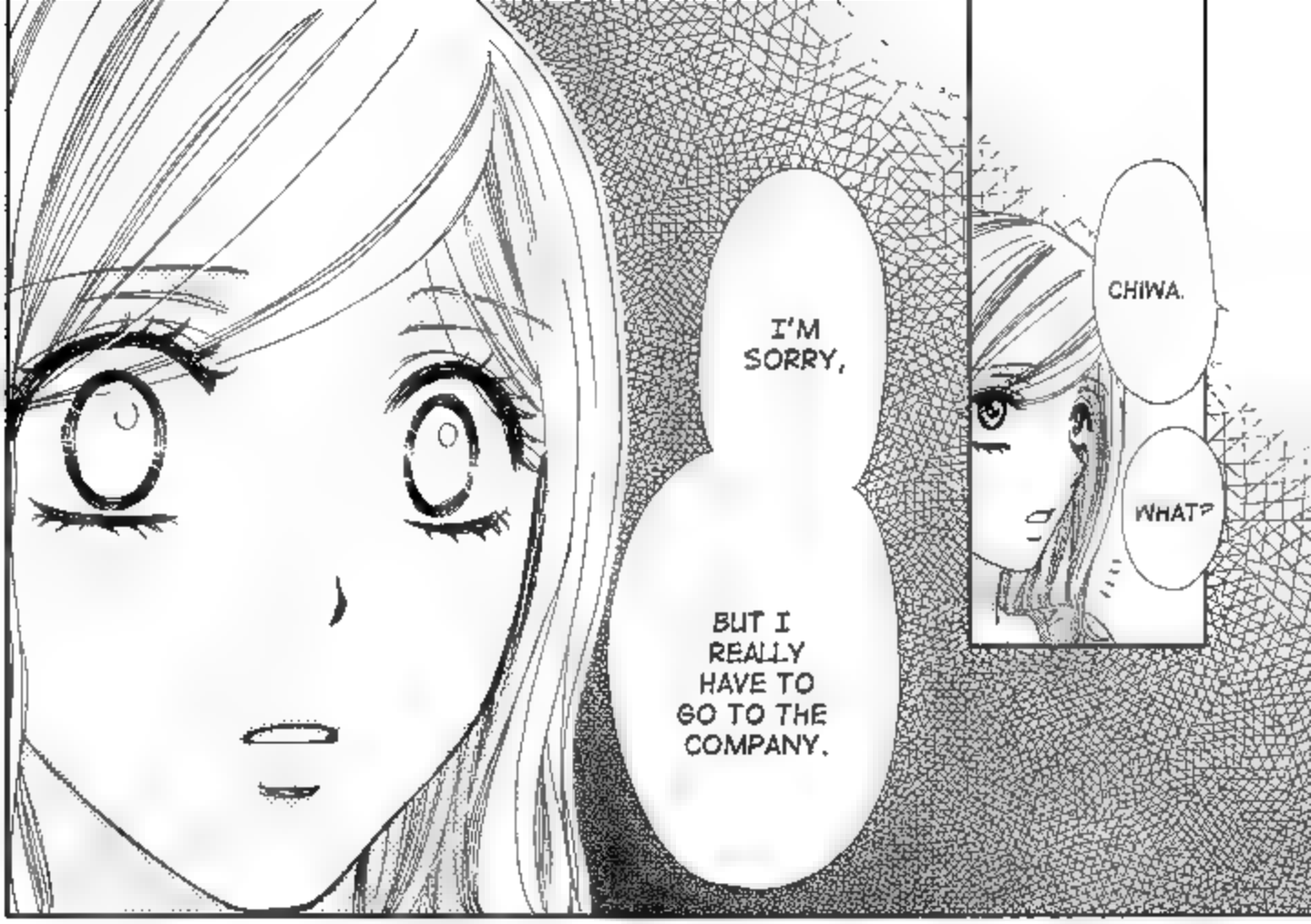
I'M BACK
I DID...
WELCOME BACK.
PAT
PAT
SOUMA
Smile
Smile
YES
I WILL
COME TO WORK ONLY IN THE AFTERNOON TOMORROW.

I UNDER-
STAND
IN THAT
CASE
THE FIFTH
WHEEL WILL BE
LEAVING YOU!
close
when
it gets
to
that...
I knew it
and I'm ready
for it, but...

EHM DID YOU BRING PRESENTS?
YES, BUT THEY CAN WAIT
YEAH
WAS NEW YORK COLD?
THE NEGO-TIATIONS WENT WELL, DID THEY?
OF COURSE
A-AREN'T YOU HUNGRY? SHOULD WE GO HAVE A SNACK?
PUSH
PUSH
THERE'S ROOM-SERVICE FOR THAT
HUG
I HAVE JET-LAG..
WHAT? SHOULD I GO TO SLEEP FIRST AGAIN?
NO, OF COURSE NOT

CHIWA
SFX THUMP
YOU HAD A BATH BEFORE YOU CAME, RIGHT?
YOU SMELL OF SHAMPOO,
HOKU
Eh?
Eh?
So suddenly?!
CLICK
Ah!
His fingers are undoing my buttons...

RIIIIIING
RIIIIIING
RIIIIIING
RIIIIIING
MAYBE
YEAH
YOU SHOULD PICK IT UP
RIIIIIING
RIIIIIING
RIIIIIING
RIIIIIING
Ah...
RIIIIIING
WHAT NOW,
SOUMA?!
Ah, president, I'm very sorry!
Ehm... Ehm... Did I interrupt you in the middle of t...?
NOT YET!
HURRY, SPIT IT OUT!
I was not sure whether I should inform you,
but I think you should be informed... There was an urgent message from the company.
...!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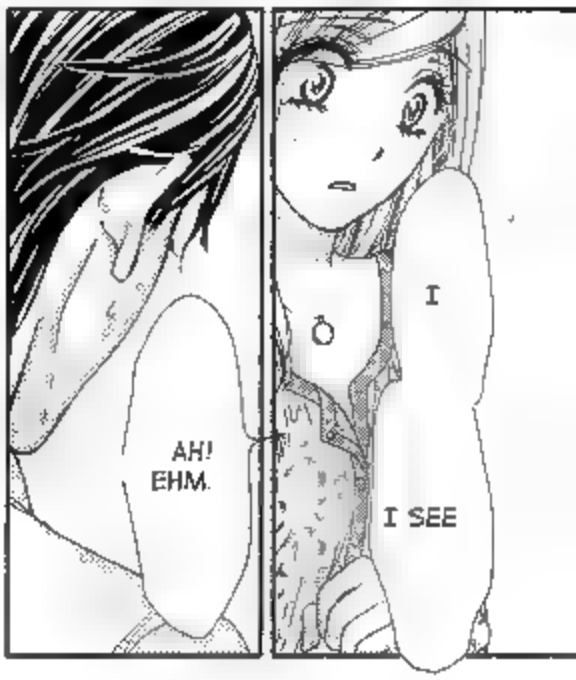
WHAT?
I'M SORRY,
BUT I REALLY HAVE TO GO TO THE COMPANY.


AH! EHM.
I
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I SEE

I UNDER-STAND.

WHEN YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'LL BE HOME
PLEASE, GIVE ME A CALL
HO-ME ?
YES
I'LL MAKE DINNER
IN THAT CASE,
I
Step
Step
WILL GO HOME NOW
SFX GRAB
WHY ARE YOU PUTTING ON YOUR COAT?
EH?
HEY, WAIT.
EH?

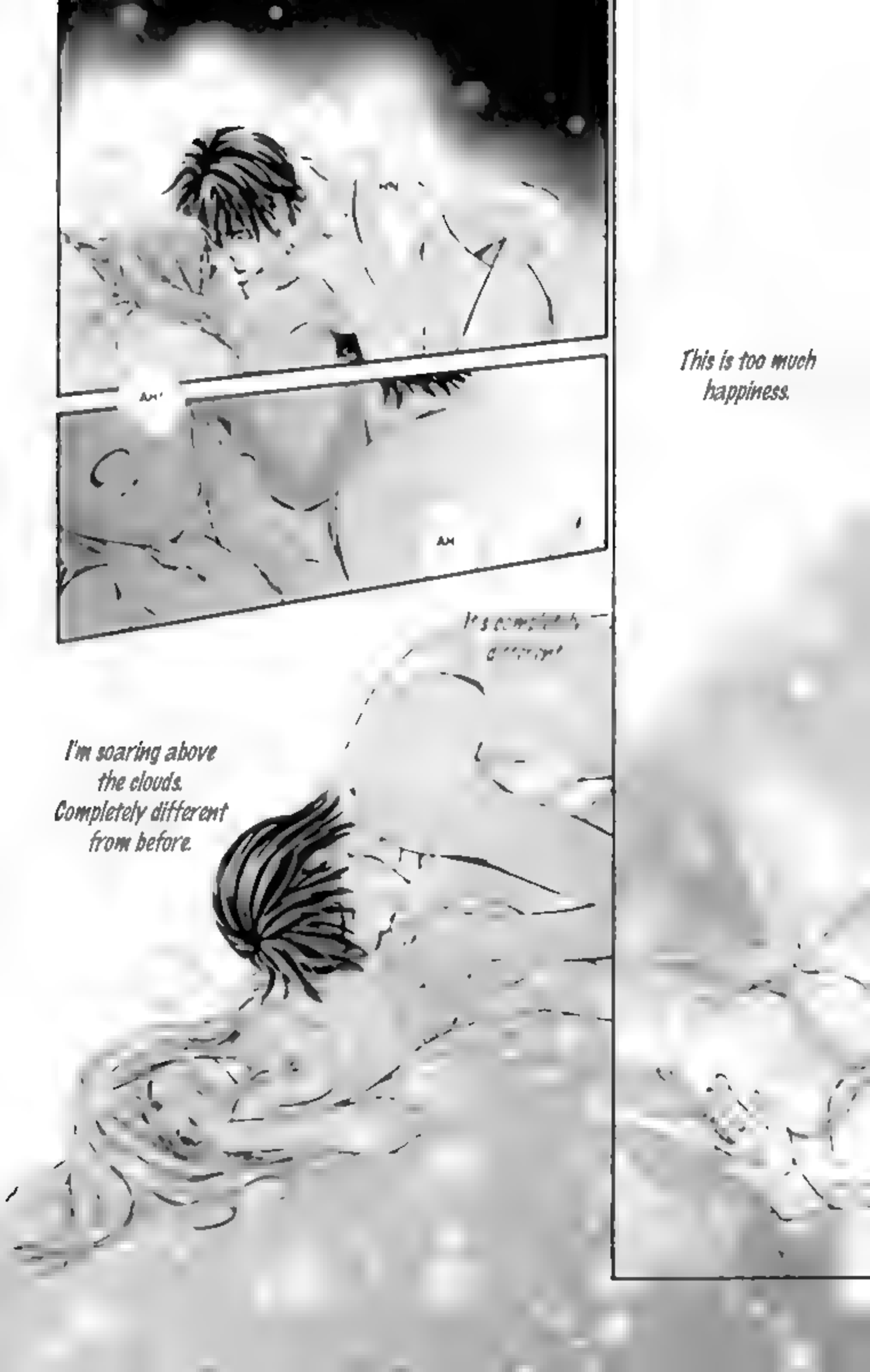
TO DO IT WITH ME?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN... I'M GOING HOME.
DON'T YOU WANT
EH?
EH?!
I HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING OF THE SORT!
I WANT TO DO IT, RIGHT NOW!
Eh?

IT WAS VERY INCONVE-NIENT..
IF I HEARD YOUR VOICE, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CONTAIN MYSELF
THAT WAS BECAUSE...!
BUT I DIDN'T HEAR A WORD FROM YOU FOR A WHOLE WEEK!
N-NO WAY ..
THUMP
DAMN
WHAT THE
IS THIS TRUE ?
!
COME!

CREAK
!
FWAH!
HOKUTO
EHM
Beep
Beep
Presi-
dent.
SOUMA.
I LEAVE THAT MATTER
TO YOU AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

YES
Umdo
TODAY I WILL NOT COME TO THE COMPANY NO MATTER WHAT.
Are you sure..?
Beep
BUT NOW I WANT YOU TO WANT ME.
It's a dream...
IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
WHAT YOU SAID
CREAK

THAT'S WHY I WAS MAKING SUCH A FACE.
TODAY,
I WON'T STOP, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
I wonder if this isn't really a dream...
I'VE BEEN WAITING ALL WEEK
TO BE ALONE WITH YOU LIKE THIS.


AH
AH
This is too much happiness.
I'm soaring above the clouds. Completely different from before.

It's as if he's
stripping off my defenses one by one
Hokuto's
FU
NN
My breath is...
CHIWA
MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU BEFORE,
BUT I THINK THAT YOUR BODY
IS VERY BEAUTIFUL.

WAAAAAANNNN
!!!
AH!
Shiver
EVERY-
WHERE
Hanuto's out of his mind
EH-
EH-
EH,
BEA
UTI
RA-
THER
SO
AND
HERE
'S GOOD,
TOO
"HERE"
WHERE?!
YOU
ARE
MINE
AH

DON'T,
HOKUTO... NO!
NO!
NO!
HEY,
HOW ABOUT FINALLY TURNING THIS WAY..?
huff
I'm so embarrassed!
I didn't think he'd do that...
huff

CREAK
THE TRUTH IS
I WANTED TO RELAX YOU A LITTLE MORE BEFORE I DID THIS, BUT...

AH !

. . .!
No way!
No way!
I didn't know it hurt so much!
Creak
CHIWA.
STO
N-No!
Don't move anymore...
I KNEW IT, IT HURTS YOU TOO MUCH
. . .
HIC-
CUP.

BUT...
I'M SORRY.
I'M JUST TOO HAPPY RIGHT NOW.

I'M SO HAPPY
MY HEART COULD BURST.
Just
those words were enough
to make me so very...
Because
I'LL HANDLE THE PAIN SOMEHOW.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO STOP...
IN RETURN
DO IT TO THE END.
SQUEEZE

I've always been waiting, too.

It's not just Hokuto.

AH!
HOKUTO!
HN
AH
CHIWA
CAN YOU TELL?
For Hokuto.
CRACK
...
I'M COMPLETELY INSIDE YOU.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

IN WHY DO YOU TELL ME
SUCH AN EMBARRAS SING THING?!
WHY NOT?
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME
AH!
TO LOVE YOU WITH ALL I'VE GOT?
NO
I WANT YOU TO FEEL THAT ALL THE WAY TO THE INSIDE OF YOU

HOKU-
TO...
NO...
I CAN'T...
HUFF
IT'S
ALL
RIGHT.
HOLD ON
TO ME.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HA ..
MY CUTE
CHIWA.

Be enchanted

Be Hokuto
st for me
I've always,
always
wanted you...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
It felt like
His body
wasn't mine.
I AM
Oh, no.
Hokuto's fingers are at it again.
WITH JUST THIS, I'LL BE VERY VERY DISSATISFIED
I RESTRAINED MYSELF RATHER HARSHLY ACTUALLY
GAH!

WITH THIS YOU'VE FINALLY
What do I do?
BECOME MINE

Now that I know this side of him, I don't know how I could return to sanity tomorrow.
EVEN IF YOU WHINE AND BITCH ABOUT IT, IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE NOW
I WILL NOT LET YOU GO.
H
HO
YES.
HUBBY.

today,
I finally
AH
Shiver
Shiver!
Shiver
surprise attack
Awwww, no!
I finally ended up saying it!
Kyaa, I'm so embarrassed!
So many things happened until now...
Really all sorts of things. But

became Hokuto's wife
in body and soul.

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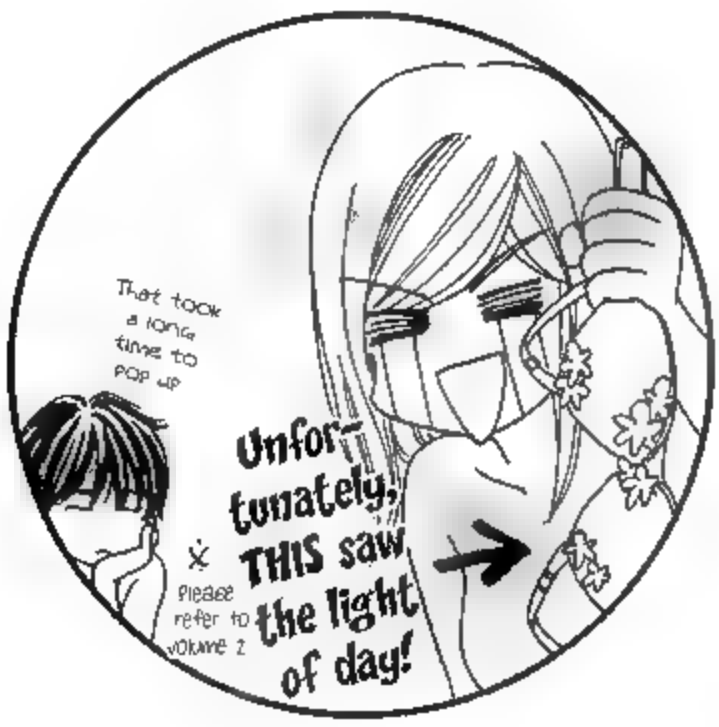

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I bet the smut ants wont stay put after reading this chapter nor the staff nor the fans. XDD *defending the doors to AE dungeons

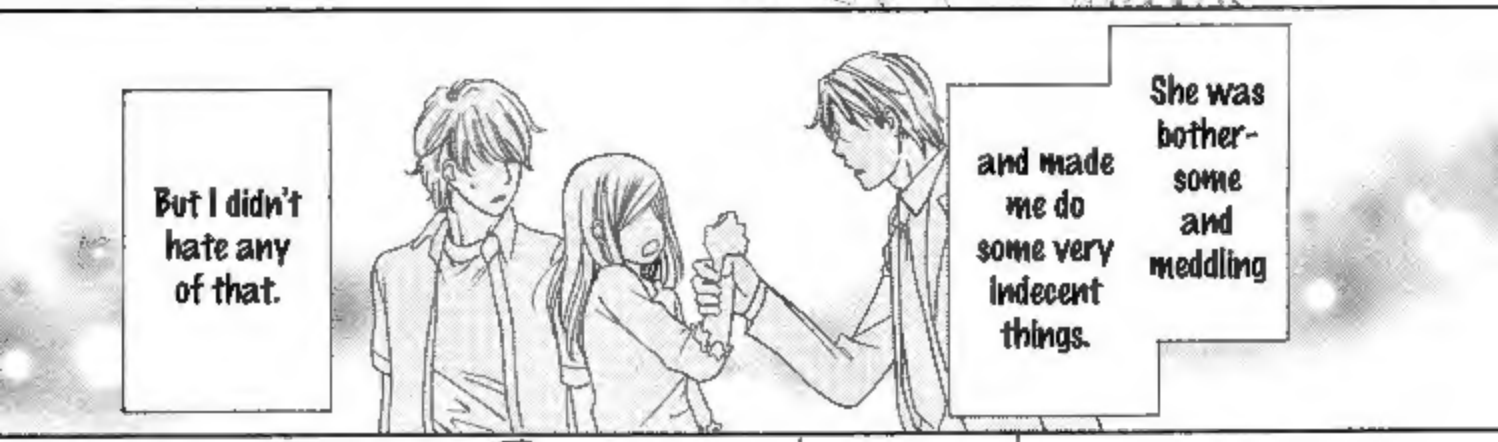
-craxx

President
I don't understand very well what "marriage" stands for,
but I used to think it was a simple thing.
YOU ARE
GETTING MARRIED?
Hot Cocoa
~Yapi Mari Extra~
I HEARD SHE'S AN EMPLOYEE HERE
THE CHAIRMAN ORDERED THE MARRIAGE
WHAT? YOU HAVEN'T MET HER YET?
I DIDN'T NEED TO KNOW ANYTHING ELSE
ANYWAY, START THE CAR. I HAVE TO GO AND MEET HER
EHM, WHO IS THE LUCKY LADY?
CONGRATULATIONS.
WHO KNOWS?
I'M GOING TO MEET HER TONIGHT

I couldn't tell from the picture, but her style isn't so bad.
Her face is acceptable too. I think she's doable.
SORRY FOR BEING LATE.
EX-CUSE ME.
BUT A CABARET CLUB...
IT'S TROUBLE-SOME IF SHE'S TOO USED TO MONEY AND MEN...
OH, WHAT-EVER. LET'S GET IT ON WITH THE COURTING.
TODAY, I-
SPLASH
I hate such bothersome women.
P-PRESI-DENT?!
Dripping wet

YOU DON'T HAVE ANY-THING YOU HOLD DEAR OR WANT TO PROTECT, DO YOU?!
But in the end, it didn't grow into "hate."
With just one line, she pinpointed all I stood for.
Splashing
When I got to know her better, she really turned out to be a bothersome woman.
That "deal" took us way too long.
My parents weren't married.
So I don't understand what "marriage" is.

But she wouldn't let me get away with that.
I thought that all it would take would be to live together, not cheat on each other and not get into each other's business.


But I didn't hate any of that.
and made me do some very indecent things.
She was bother-some and meddling

HN...
IT'LL FLASH... RIGHT NOW...
AFRAID OF LIGHTNING, TOO.
I still don't understand what a "marriage" really is.
But
HN...
STARTLE

Pinch
All right, I get it already.
What I mean to say is that I don't want to return to the times when I didn't live with her.
BUT...
NOT BEING ABLE TO SLEEP AND GETTING ALL HORNY JUST BY LOOKING AT A WOMAN'S FACE...
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAVE I BECOME...
That's not the kind of character I was supposed to be...
Mumble Mumble
Wheeze